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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

1-10 (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A procedure according to claim 3026, wherein the average diameter is from 50 to 100 nm.

12. (Currently Amended) A procedure according to claim 3026, wherein crystal nuclei in an amount of 0.5 to 2 % w/w relative to the precipitated boehmite and/or pseudo-boehmite and computed as Al_2O_3 are used for precipitation.

13. (Currently Amended) A procedure according to claim 3026, wherein the crystal nuclei are present in an aqueous, acidic solution and at least one basic aluminum salts and at least one acidic aluminum salts are jointly added.

14. (Cancelled)

15. **(Currently Amended)** A procedure according to claim 3026, characterized in that alkali aluminates, alkaline earth aluminates or aluminum hydroxy salts are used as the basic aluminum salts.

16. **(Currently Amended)** A procedure according to claim 3026, characterized in that aluminum sulfate, aluminum nitrate, aluminum chloride or aluminum formate are used as the acidic aluminum salts.

17. **(Currently Amended)** A procedure according to claim 3026, characterized in that the bulk of the boehmite and/or pseudo-boehmite is precipitated at a pH value of 5 to 9.

18. **(Original)** A procedure according to claim 17 wherein the pH value is from 6 to 8.

19-21. **(Cancelled)**

22. **(Currently Amended)** A procedure according to claim 3026, wherein the crystal nuclei are prepared in an aqueous, acidic solution and at least one basic aluminum salt[[s]] and at least one acidic aluminum salt[[s]] are jointly added.

23-28. **(Cancelled)**

30. **(Previously Presented)** A procedure for manufacturing boehmite and/or pseudo-boehmite comprising:

precipitating boehmite and/or pseudo-boehmite from an aqueous medium containing crystal nuclei of alumina in the presence of a precipitating agent selected from the group consisting of basic aluminum salts, acidic aluminum salts and mixtures thereof, said nuclei being present in an amount of 0.1 to 5% w/w of said precipitated boehmite and/or pseudo-boehmite calculated as Al_2O_3 , said crystal nuclei having an average diameter of 20 to 150 nm.

31. **(Currently Amended)** A procedure for manufacturing boehmite and/or pseudo-boehmite comprising:

precipitating boehmite and/or pseudo-boehmite from an aqueous medium containing an organic polymer[[s]]/oligomer[[s]] which form lattices in said aqueous medium, in the presence of a compound selected from the group consisting of basic aluminum salts, acidic aluminum salts and mixtures thereof, said polymer[[ic]]/oligomer[[s]] being present in an amount of 0.1 to 5% w/w of the precipitated boehmite and/or pseudo-boehmite, calculated as Al_2O_3 , said polymer[[s]]/oligomer[[s]] having an average diameter of 12 to 250 nm and being selected from the group consisting of polyacrylic acids, polymethacrylic acids, polyacrylates, polystyrenes, polyvinylacetates, polyvinylversalates, their co-polymers and mixtures thereof.

32. **(Previously Presented)** The procedure of claim 30, wherein said crystal nuclei are selected from the group consisting of boehmite, pseudo-boehmite and mixtures thereof.